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<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/lab.html>

**Disease/Agent Suspected or Test Requested:**

**TP-PA (*Treponema pallidum* Particle Agglutination)**

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| <b>Provider Requirements</b>                              |   |
| <b>Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whole, clotted blood</li><li>• Serum</li></ul>  |
| <b>TDH Requisition Form Number</b>                        | <b>PH-4182</b>  |
| <b>Media Requirements</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Red-stoppered vacuum tube (whole blood)</li><li>• Sterile, plastic screw capped vial (serum).</li></ul>   |
| <b>Special Instructions</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specimens may be stored for up to 3 days at room temperature (20 to 23°C) or up to 7 days at 2-8°C.</li><li>• If testing will be delayed more than 3 days for specimens stored at room temperature or more than 7 days for specimens stored at 2-8°C, aliquot serum or plasma and store at -20°C or colder.</li></ul> |
| <b>Shipping Instructions</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ship Room Temperature/Ambient</li><li>• If specimen has been refrigerated, ship on cold packs. If specimen is frozen, ship on dry ice.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Laboratory Section Performing Testing</b>              | Serology  |
| <b>Lab Location(s) Performing Test</b>                    | Nashville; Knoxville; Memphis   |

All infectious substance shipments must conform to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR 49 C.F.R Parts 171-180).